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APPLICANTS : Perrin et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/314,698 EXAMINER : Juliet C. Einsmann  
FILING DATE : May 19, 1999 ART UNIT : 1655  
FOR : Micro-Array Based Subtractive Hybridization

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the December 10, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 10, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21127-501 RCE. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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